

DRAFT AGENDA
FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION
AND
THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING OF
THE COMMITTEE OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORS ON MARINE MAMMALS

26–28 October 2004
Royal Kona Resort (808-329-3111)
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Tuesday, 26 October

8:30–10:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION

10:00–10:15 WELCOME

10:15–10:40 STATUS OF COMMISSION SPECIAL PROJECTS

- A. Policy Dialogue on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals
- B. Impacts of Killer Whale Predation on Endangered Marine Mammals
- C. Population Viability of Endangered Marine Mammals and the Cost-Effectiveness of Related Recovery Programs

10:40–11:30 NEW NMFS REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Organization and Management Approach of the Pacific Islands Regional Office
- B. Organization and Research Approach of the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
- C. Discussion

11:30–12:15 CETACEAN STOCK ASSESSMENT AND FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
REGION

- A. NMFS Overview
- B. Fisheries Management Approach
- C. Stock Assessment Research
 - 1. Ongoing and Planned Stock Assessment Research
 - 2. Coordination of Efforts with the Southwest Fisheries Science Center

12:15–1:30 LUNCH

- 1:30–2:30 CETACEAN STOCK ASSESSMENT AND FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
REGION (continued)
- D. False Killer Whale Takes in the Tuna and Swordfish Fisheries
 - 1. Status of False Killer Whale Stock and Research Plans
 - 2. Incidental Take Data
 - 3. List of Fisheries, Take Reduction Teams and Other Management Issues
 - E. Discussion
- 2:30–2:45 BREAK
- 2:45–4:45 HUMPBACK WHALES IN HAWAII
- A. Regional Overview
 - B. Project SPLASH
 - C. Hawaiian Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary
 - D. Current Threats
 - 1. Vessel Collision Workshop
 - 2. Collision and Entanglement Records
 - 3. High-Speed Ferries
 - 4. Emerging Issues – Sound and Aquaculture
 - 5. Management Efforts and Plans
 - E. Research Coordination
 - F. Discussion
- 4:45–5:15 MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING RESPONSE EFFORTS IN
HAWAII
- A. Stranding Response Efforts and Organization
 - B. Prescott Grants
 - C. Discussion
- 5:15 ADJOURN DAY 1

Wednesday, 27 October

- 8:30–10:30 HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS
- A. Program Overview
 - B. Recovery Plan and Recovery Team
 - C. Science/Research Update
 - 1. Population Status and Trends
 - 2. Status of Foraging Studies and Foraging Plan
 - 3. Satellite Tracking Studies
 - 4. Mortality Sources and Mitigation Actions
 - 5. Research Plans and Funding
 - D. Main Hawaiian Islands
 - 1. NMFS Follow-up on Main Hawaiian Islands Workshop
 - 2. State Activities
 - 3. Volunteer Response Perspective
 - 4. Epidemiology and Other Research
- 10:30–10:45 BREAK
- 10:45–11:45 HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS (continued)
- E. Section 6 Cooperative Agreement between Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and National Marine Fisheries Service
 - 1. NMFS Efforts
 - 2. Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources Efforts
 - F. Discussion
- 11:45–1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30–2:10 MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES IN THE NWHI
- A. Midway Islands National Wildlife Refuge
 - B. NWHI National Wildlife Refuge
 - C. Coordination and Cooperation between FWS and NMFS
 - D. Discussion
- 2:10–3:10 NWHI CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM RESERVE
- A. Implementation of the Reserve Executive Orders
 - 1. Status of the Reserve Operations Plan
 - 2. Ongoing Research and Management Activities
 - 3. Status and Schedule for the Sanctuary Designation Process
 - B. Status of Proposed Fishery Regulations
 - C. Reserve Advisory Council Activities and Views
 - D. Discussion

- 3:10–3:25 BREAK
- 3:25–3:45 STATE OF HAWAII NWHI MARINE REFUGE
- 3:45–5:00 FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE NWHI
(Panel Discussion)
- 5:00 ADJOURN DAY 2

Thursday, 28 October

- 1:30–3:30 SPINNER DOLPHINS
- A. NMFS Overview
 - B. Daily Movement and Foraging Patterns
 - C. Residency Patterns, Habitat Usage, and Behavior in Inshore Waters
 - D. Commercial Operators' Views
 - E. Spinner Dolphin Harassment Problems and Enforcement Plans
 - 1. Overview of Swim-with-a-Dolphin Programs
 - 2. NMFS Management and Enforcement Efforts and Plans
 - 3. Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources Management and Enforcement Efforts and Plans
 - 4. Panel Discussion – Spinner Dolphin Research and Management Needs
- 3:30–3:45 BREAK
- 3:45–5:00 UPDATE ON ALASKA ISSUES
- A. Fish and Wildlife Service Species and Issues
 - B. National Marine Fisheries Service Species and Issues
 - C. Alaska Native Perspectives
 - D. Discussion
- 5:00–5:15 SUMMARY
- 5:15 ADJOURN MEETING